

**2014 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Economic and Rural Development Committee (ERDC) was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 5, 2014. The New Mexico Legislative Council has re-created the ERDC every year since 2007. As in past years, economic and rural development in New Mexico continues to be a significant area of concern and focus for the state. During the 2014 interim and as time permits, the ERDC proposes to receive presentations on the following subjects:

1. the current and proposed programs and legislative priorities of the Economic Development Department (EDD), including reports on Spaceport America, the work of the New Mexico Film Division of the EDD and the MainStreet program;
2. the current and proposed programs and legislative priorities of the Workforce Solutions Department;
3. the current and proposed programs and legislative priorities of the Tourism Department;

4. the Legislative Finance Committee's staff reports on economic and rural development and work force issues in New Mexico;
5. the Liquor Control Act and the recommendations of the Regulation and Licensing Department's Liquor Control Act Task Force;
6. food and farming systems in the state, including relationships between farming, health, markets and economic development;
7. the economic development opportunities in and around Santa Teresa, including updates on the New Mexico Borderplex and Union Pacific Corporation's rail and freight facilities;
8. broadband telecommunications availability in New Mexico and the work of the Department of Information Technology's New Mexico Broadband Working Group;
9. state contracting and procurement reform;
10. the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, including presentations by local and railroad representatives;
11. the work of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's Task Force on Real Estate Contracts;
12. renewable energy industries in New Mexico and the state's renewable energy production tax credit;
13. residential foreclosures and the work of the state's foreclosure task force;
14. the relationship between breweries and community economic development, and related legislative proposals;
15. business incubation and economic development;
16. public television as an economic development tool;
17. an update from the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease Disablement of the Workers' Compensation Administration;
18. housing in New Mexico, including affordable housing and housing availability;
19. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and the science early education program;

20. issues related to the state's high-tech industry work force and training;
21. oral health care in rural New Mexico;
22. state support for local economic development organizations;
23. proposed economic development-related legislation;
24. tax policies aimed at assisting low-income and working families;
25. agricultural tourism;
26. financial readiness; an assessment of federal funds received by New Mexico;
27. the Convention of States;
28. state regulation of sharing economies;
29. nontraditional approaches to economic development;
30. presentations on economic security, business development and fair lending;
31. the impacts of forest fires on the state's communities;
32. state support for nonprofit organizations;
33. business development opportunities for entrepreneurs;
34. economic development in the state's Native American communities;
35. air and rail transportation; and
36. additional issues affecting rural and economic development in the state.

**Economic and Rural Development Committee
2014 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 20	Santa Fe
July 7-9	Albuquerque
September 2-3	Taos
*October 2-3	Las Cruces
November 24-25	Santa Fe

*Joint meeting with the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee on October 2.